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First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, paper no. 5, dated 8 May 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Delete page 8, the "Assignment".

In the Drawings:

Proposed drawing corrections are indicated in red on the attached drawing copies.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 3, and insert new claims 6 and 7 as follows:

~~6.~~ A support mechanism for supporting a hood with respect to a vehicle to which the hood is pivotally coupled, the support mechanism comprising:

a first support mounted on the vehicle;

a second support mounted on the vehicle forward of the first support;

~~B~~ a first arm coupled to ^a~~the~~ rear end of the hood, the first arm being releasably and pivotally coupled to the first support;

a bracket fixed to ^a~~the~~ central portion of the hood;

~~B~~ a second arm having a first end pivotally coupled to the bracket and having a second end releasably and pivotally coupled to the second support, the support

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